
ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

<i>Initiator:</i>	Council Member Johnson
<i>Introduction Date:</i>	March 24, 2022
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<i>Specific Site:</i>	Citywide
<i>Ward:</i>	All Wards
<i>Neighborhood:</i>	All Neighborhoods
<i>Intent:</i>	Amending regulations related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new development to implement policies of Minneapolis 2040

APPLICABLE SECTION(S) OF THE ZONING CODE

- Chapter 527, Planned Unit Development
- Chapter 530, Site Plan Review
- Chapter 541, Off-Street Parking, Loading, and Mobility
- Chapter 552, Built Form Overlay Districts
- The following chapter was also introduced: Chapter 520, Introductory Provisions. However, staff is not recommending changes to this chapter as part of this amendment and is therefore recommending returning it to the author.

BACKGROUND

Council Member Johnson introduced an ordinance to amend regulations related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new development on March 24, 2022. The intent of this amendment is to implement policy guidance in Minneapolis 2040 calling for increased access to electric vehicle charging technology, and to bring existing ordinances into compliance with state building code standards. In 2021 Minneapolis adopted electric vehicle charging infrastructure regulations that requires providing chargers and other infrastructure in most new development. Following further consultation about implementing and enforcing these regulations with the state building official, there is a concern that the recently adopted regulations constitute a conflict with the state building code standard that prevents municipalities from regulating building components and systems in a manner different from the state building code.

Staff continues to work on an appropriate remedy to this situation, and requests that this text amendment be continued to the May 23, 2022, meeting of the City Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development recommends that the City Planning Commission and City Council adopt staff findings to amend Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, as follows, and further recommends that Chapter 520 be returned to the author:

A. Text amendment to amend regulations related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new development to implement policies of Minneapolis 2040.

Recommended motion: Continue the text amendment to the May 23, 2022, meeting of the City Planning Commission.

ATTACHMENTS

None